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SUBJECT: CERP - PETROLEUM STATISTICS

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1. PETROLEUM FIGURES FOR 1974 HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT - OWNED CETRA-HYDRO, THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S MONOPOLY IMPORTER/EXPORTER/DISTRIBUTOR OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. THE FIGURES LISTED BELOW WERE OBTAINED FROM AN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND REPORT ON THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION. THE REPORT IS CLASSIFIED LOU.

### 2. IMPORTS FOR 1974

A. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	ALGERIA
B. CRUDE OIL	O
C. MOTOR GASOLINE	143,807 US BARRELS
D. JET FUEL AND KEROSENE	92,520 U.S. BARRELS
E. DISTILLATE FUEL OIL	155,795 U.S. BARRELS

### E. EXPORTS FOR 1974

EXPORT FIGURES FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS EN ROUTE TO SOUTHERN CHAD ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THE CR USUALLY LISTS WHAT ARE ACTUALLY TRANSHIPMENTS AS EXPORTS. THE TOTAL, HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS SMALL AND IS ESTIMATED BY THE EMBASSY AS FOLLOWS:

A. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN      GABON, ALGERIA  
B. CRUDE OIL              O  
C. MOTOR GASOLINE      20,000 U.S. BARRELS  
D. JET FUEL AND KEROSENE      5,000 U.S. BARRELS  
E. DISTILLATE FUEL OIL      25,000 U.S. BARRELS  
F. FUEL OIL RESIDUAL      O

4. PETROLEUM STOCKS AND INTERNATIONAL BUNKERS. THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC MUST STOCK PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN A QUANTITY SUFFICIENT TO SEE IT THROUGH THE LOW WATER PERIOD ON THE OUBANGUI RIVER - JANUARY TO MAY - WHEN FURTHER IMPORTS ARE IMPOSSIBLE. DUE TO UNUSUALLY LOW WATER LEVELS IN 1974 STOCKS WERE DEPLETED AND PETROLEUM SHORTAGES COMMON. DURING THE LATTER HALF OF 1974 STOCKS HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT REPLISHED, BUT IT REMAINS QUESTIONABLE AS TO WHETHER THE STOCKS WILL BE ADEQUATE FOR THE NATIONS'S NEEDS IN 1975.

5. THERE WERE THREE SETS OF RETAIL PRICES FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE CAR DURING 1974. \$ 1 - 240 CAF; PRICE PER LITER

DATES	SUPER	ORDINARY	KEROSENE	DIESEL
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3/1/73 - 1/2/74	\$.28	\$.26	\$.13	\$.17
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12/74 - 10/31/74	.35	.32	.020	.24
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EFFECTIVE 11/1/74	.41	.39	.25	.27
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THE CURRENT PRICE FOR SUPER FIGURES TO \$1.54 PER U.S. GALLON.

6. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND CENTRA-HYDRO OFFICIALS THAT THE PETROLEUM PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOCAR AND ALGERIA HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY FOR BOTH PARTIES AND WILL NOT BE RENEWED. THE GOCAR HAS SENT AT LEAST TWO MISSIONS TO THE SOGARA REFINERY IN PORT GENTIL, GABON, ITS FORMER SUPPLIER. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOCAR WILL SHORTLY SIGN A CONTRACT WITH SOGARA FOR POL SUPPLIES IN 1975.

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